

**MINUTES  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

**Attending:** Jana McGee, Rebecca Swanson, Molly O'Donnell, Gwen White, Jeff Jewel, Jessica Pittman, Teddie Mower, Stephanie Richards

**Regrets:** Gary Charbonneau, Bill Brown, Dave Rollo

**Staff:** Jacqui Bauer

**Public:** Alex Jorck, applicant for the Energy Outreach Coordinator meeting

**Public comment:** None

**Announcements**

Molly's church has achieved Energy Star certification.

ICEY will be doing an MLK Day event and adult volunteers are needed. There will be a training related to this this coming Sunday.

Teddie announced that the Bloomington TimeBank will be hosting a training this Thursday at 10am.

The Bloomington Tool Share is in need of volunteers.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from November 2015 were approved unanimously.

**Discussion of 2016 Planning Session**

Jacqui reviewed the list of topics discussed, and noted a particular interest in the built environment.

**Report from the Chair**

Jeff suggested a follow-up work session early in 2016. Homework: focus on policy areas of interest, and develop three action items that the commission could potentially tackle.

Jana pointed out that the Energy Challenge will continue throughout 2016

**Sustainability Coordinator Report**

*Solar installations*

The City has received initial approval from the Redevelopment Commission to pursue a solar panel and roof replacement project for City Hall, the Animal Shelter, and Police Headquarters. This allows the City to pursue proposals for the project; funding for the project will need to be approved at a future meeting. As part of the RFP, the City is exploring a "group buy" to allow residents to take advantage of the lower per-watt price. Jana asked whether there might be opportunities for assistance low-income households to enable them to participate. Jacqui

noted that this would likely develop in the public outreach phase of the effort (participants could pay extra to help fund systems to serve others), or there might be grant funds available.

*Energy Challenge update –*

Roughly 15 applications have been received for the Energy Outreach Coordinator position, and Jacqui hopes to get interviews scheduled with 4-5 people before the holidays.

The Challenge continues, but Georgetown still hasn't provided updates on community performance.

**Committee Reports**

*Environmental Commission Planning Committee:* No report

EC: No report, Jana was unable to attend this month

*Bring Your Bag Bloomington:*

No new activity to report as the city is now working on

**New Business:**

Jeff would like submit a letter to the new administration in support of Jacqui's work. The commission voted unanimously to do this.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.